

**The Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands  
Minutes of a Regular Council meeting held Tuesday, June 4, 2019  
in the Waterfront Artisan Incubator and Technology Center at 7:00p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Al MacNevin, Councillors: Barb Baker, Al Boyd, Laurie Cook, Mike Erskine, Jim Ferguson, William Koehler

**ABSENT:** Councillor Dawn Orr and Bruce Wood

**STAFF PRESENT:** David Williamson, CAO  
Pam Cress, Clerk

Mayor MacNevin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Councillor Baker declared a conflict with agenda item 5i) Request for Support - MICA

**Resolution No. 160-06-2019**

Moved by: J. Ferguson

Seconded by: A. Boyd

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands approves the agenda as amended.

Carried

**Resolution No. 161-06-2019**

Moved by: M. Erskine

Seconded by: A. Boyd

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands reads a first, second and third time and finally passes by-law 2019-17 to adopt the minutes of Council for the term commencing December 4, 2018 and authorizing the taking of any action authorized therein and thereby.

Carried

**Resolution No. 162-06-2019**

Moved by: M. Erskine

Seconded by: L. Cook

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands agrees in principal with the Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates (MICA) effort to provide a Bike Share Docking Station in the Town of Little Current with a mix of electric and or regular bikes and hereby assure the funder that we will provide space for a minimum of 5 years for the docking station, as well as allow hydro and ethernet phone line hook ups to the docking station.

Carried

**Resolution No. 163-06-2019**

Moved by: L. Cook

Seconded by: B. Baker

Whereas the Council for the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands sets a donation budget every year and  
Whereas the established budget has been exceeded therefore  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands stops granting donations for the balance of the 2019 year.

Carried

**Ayes: Councillor Baker, Boyd, Cook and Koehler**

**Nays: Mayor MacNevin, Councillor Erskine and Ferguson**

**Resolution No. 164-06-2019**

Moved by: A. Boyd

Seconded by: B. Baker

WHEREAS Seniors' Month is an annual province-wide celebration;

WHEREAS seniors have contributed and continue to contribute immensely to the life and vibrancy of this community;

WHEREAS seniors continue to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers and important and active members of this community;

WHEREAS their contributions past and present warrant appreciation and recognition and their stories deserve to be told;

WHEREAS the health and well-being of seniors is in the interest of all and further adds to the health and well-being of the community;

WHEREAS the knowledge and experience seniors pass on to us continues to benefit all; I, Mayor Al MacNevin, do hereby proclaim June 1-30, 2019 Seniors' Month in the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands and encourage all citizens to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our seniors.

Carried

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### Resolution No. 165-06-2019

Moved by: L. Cook

Seconded by: M. Erskine

WHEREAS public libraries provide safe, inclusive, and vibrant community spaces where everyone is welcome to learn, work, connect, and have fun; and

WHEREAS the Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands Public Library actively partners with the community to deliver valued services and contribute to a culture of social good by sharing knowledge and resources; and

WHEREAS the Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands Public Library continues to deliver services that support provincial initiatives such as lifelong learning and skill development, local economic development, health literacy, and provides equitable access to government websites and services; and

WHEREAS the Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands Public Library Board continues to manage public resources with the utmost care and is committed to the sustainability of their services; and

WHEREAS the Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands Public Library Board requests that the Council of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands Public urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the importance of services provided by Ontario Library Services-North and the Southern Ontario Library Service, including the administration of bulk purchasing agreements, technology consultation, strategic planning and policy development consultation, the provincial Interlibrary Loan system, board and staff training opportunities, collection development support, support for First Nations libraries and the administration of the Joint Automation Server Initiative; and

WHEREAS the Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands Public Library Board requests that the Council of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands urge the Province of Ontario to restore funding to Ontario Library Services-North and the Southern Ontario Library Service in recognition of the unfair and disproportionate impact of these cuts on small rural and Northern Ontario public libraries

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands supports the Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands Public Library Board's request for the Government of Ontario to restore funding to the Southern Ontario Library Service and Ontario Library Service-North; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands urges the Province of Ontario to support sustainable long-term funding for Ontario's Public Libraries; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Office of the Premier, to the Minister of Tourism, Culture, and Sport, to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, to Mike Mantha, MPP, to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, to the Ontario Library Association and to the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries.

Carried

### Resolution No. 166-06-2019

Moved by: M. Erskine

Seconded by: W. Koehler

Whereas the Government of Ontario is proposing education adjustments and

Whereas the Government of Ontario announced that secondary school students will be required to take four out of thirty high school credits as online courses and

Whereas thirty credits are required for an Ontario high school diploma, the government is not providing rural Ontario with the same broadband access as the rest of the province and

Whereas throughout much of rural and northern Ontario, broadband service is lacking making e-learning impossible and may set our students up for a two-tier education system due to the lack of internet access and

Whereas on-line e-learning will disproportionately affect students with special needs, who may need more attention from their teachers, and students in low income families, who may not have access to a laptop and internet at home to do their online course work

Therefore, be it resolved that the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands respectfully requests the Premier of Ontario to reconsider these online courses until rural Ontario students can be given the same opportunity to access the internet as the urban students.

Be it further resolved that this motion be circulated to Ontario Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Education Lisa Thompson, MPP Michael Mantha and MP Carol Hughes

Carried

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**Resolution No. 167-06-2019**

Moved by: M. Erskine

Seconded by: L. Cook

WHEREAS the legislation that abolished the OMB and replaced it with LPAT received unanimous – all party support; and

WHEREAS All parties recognized that local governments should have the authority to uphold their provincially approved Official Plans; to uphold their community driven planning; and

WHEREAS Bill 108 will once again allow an unelected, unaccountable body make decisions on how our communities evolve and grow; and

WHEREAS On August 21, 2018 Minister Clark once again signed the MOU with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and entered into “...a legally binding agreement recognizing Ontario Municipalities as a mature, accountable order of government.”; and

WHEREAS This MOU is “enshrined in law as part of the Municipal Act”. And recognizes that as “...public policy issues are complex and thus require coordinated responses...the Province endorses the principle of regular consultation between Ontario and municipalities in relation to matters of mutual interest”; and

WHEREAS By signing this agreement, the Province made “...a commitment to cooperating with its municipal governments in considering new legislation or regulations that will have a municipal impact”; and

WHEREAS Bill 108 will impact 15 different Acts - Cannabis Control Act, 2017, Conservation Authorities Act, Development Charges Act, Education Act, Endangered Species Act, 2007, Environmental Assessment Act, Environmental Protection Act, Labour Relations Act, 1995, Local Planning Appeal Tribunal Act, 2017, Municipal Act, 2001, Occupational Health and Safety Act, Ontario Heritage Act, Ontario Water Resources Act, Planning Act, Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997.

Now Therefore Be it Hereby Resolved That Town of Northeastern Manitoulin an the Islands oppose Bill 108 which in its current state will have negative consequences on community building and proper planning; and

Be it further resolved that Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands call upon the Government of Ontario to halt the legislative advancement of Bill 108 to enable fulsome consultation with Municipalities to ensure that its objectives for sound decision making for housing growth that meets local needs will be reasonably achieved; and

Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Honourable Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party, and all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; and

Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

Carried

**Resolution No. 168-06-2019**

Moved by: J. Ferguson

Seconded by: W. Koehler

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands proceeds In Camera for a proposed or pending disposition or acquisition of land for municipal or local board purposes and Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board.

Carried

**Resolution No. 169-06-2019**

Moved by: J. Ferguson

Seconded by: A. Boyd

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands does now Rise and Report at 8:36 pm.

Carried

**Resolution No. 170-06-2019**

Moved by: J. Ferguson

Seconded by: B. Baker

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands does now adjourn at 8:37 pm.

Carried